

YOUNG DEMOCRATS WORKING HARD ON PLANS FOR MEETING

The meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club at the county court room last night was well attended, there being between forty and fifty members present. Once awakened to the necessity for action, the members took hold last night with a determination to make preparations for entertaining the delegates who will be here Feb. 22, when the Oklahoma State League of Young Men's Democratic Clubs meets here in annual convention, that shall be in keeping with Ardmore's typical hospitality.

It is the intention of the members of the local club to make of the meeting a patriotic one so far as possible. Every merchant and business man in the city will be asked to float the national colors from his place of business on that day and flags will be displayed on all public buildings. A small flag will be provided every delegate to wear with his badge.

All the state officials have been invited and most, if not all, of them are expected to be present. The convention has been well advertised over the state and from every point reports are coming in that indicate a large attendance.

At the meeting last night the finance committee reported progress, a goodly sum of money having been subscribed yesterday, and the committee was to start again this morning to secure all the money needed.

There was a better spirit shown at the meeting last night and there was plenty of enthusiasm, the members declaring that they would use every endeavor to make the convention the best in the history of the organization.

The place at which the barbecue will be served has not been definitely determined, but it is more than probable that it will be at the industrial addition, as it is desired to have the visitors see what Ardmore is and what it is doing in its march of progress. That location is easy of access, and it is insisted that it is the most desirable place to have the barbecue.

It was suggested that the crowd would be so great that all might not secure accommodation at the hotels and restaurants and that it would be well for the church women and the women of the Red Cross to serve luncheon at the Christian or Presbyterian churches, these both being located near Convention Hall.

Some idea of what number of visitors may be expected can be gained from the fact that the Muskogee club has ordered 60 bronze badges for its delegates.

Everything indicates an unusually large attendance, and it is now assured that Ardmore will be prepared to care for all visitors in a manner that will result in sending them home with only words of praise for the people of Ardmore.

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GERMAN ADMITS DEFEAT.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—(Via London.)—In their attack yesterday on the Champagne front near Tabbure, the war of the announcements, the French obtained a footing in a salient of the German positions.

OUTLINES METHODS FOR HOME GARDENING.

D. C. Mooring of the extension division of the A. and M. College was here yesterday conferring with C. W. Richards, who has been appointed county garden director, and in the afternoon addressed the pupils of the high school on the subject of home gardens. After calling attention to the value of home gardens, and what it will mean to American people, in that much of America's foodstuff will be sent to the allies, Mr. Mooring told how to prepare the soil for planting. Special attention was first called to the importance of planting staple vegetables, such as Irish and sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas and onions, as overplanting of perishable vegetables, like radishes and lettuce, often results in waste, and Mr. Mooring urged the planting of these plants at intervals, throughout the season. The growing of tomatoes was then taken up, and attention called to the importance of starting the plants in boxes, later transplanting them into cold frames, which he stated could be constructed with little expense, and then later placed in the open. The plant, he stated, should be kept in the box four weeks, in the cold frame four weeks, which will give a nice stocky plant to set out into the open after danger of frost. Such plants, he said, would probably have blossoms. The June pink was recommended by Mr. Mooring as one of the best of the early varieties of tomatoes. He also explained how to store tomatoes in the fall for winter use. Directions were then given for the planting, caring for and harvesting of Irish potatoes. Mr. Mooring explained how it is possible to keep the potatoes through the later summer and early fall. "The interest manifest and records already made by school children of Ardmore is remarkable," said Mr. Mooring. He expressed satisfaction, and was impressed with the record made by one school boy, Horace Pettit, who grew \$350 worth of vegetables, clearing a net profit of \$250 from three vacant lots. Another record in 1916 demonstrated that the land need not lay idle after one harvest. One boy harvested 400 bushels of Irish potatoes, and then planted sweet potatoes and harvested 625 bushels on two and a half acres of land. The work of the extension department is being carried on in co-operation with the State Council of Defense.

THE BARBECUE TO BE GIVEN THE DELEGATES TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE LEAGUE OF YOUNG MEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUBS CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE FEB. 22 WILL BE "HOOVERED" AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND NO BEEF WILL BE SERVED. INSTEAD, THE FINEST SOUTHWESTERN BUTTER WILL MAKE UP THE MEAT PORTION OF THE BILL OF FARE.

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CITY NEWS AND VIEWS.

W. I. Cruce is in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. J. M. Thompson of Macon, Miss., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stancil.

Frank S. Hyden has returned from St. Louis.

Mrs. Boss Coverdale and son, Keith, are in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. S. S. Churchill and son, Virgil, have returned from Oklahoma City.

T. B. Conrad and Simon Westheimer of Marietta spent a few hours here today en route to the Allen oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hinkle and son are in Oklahoma City. They will return Monday.

Elmer Snyder, Company E, 11th Regiment U. S. Engineers, is in Ardmore on a ten-day furlough.

Judge Thomas W. Champion, George W. Coffman and Russell Brown addressed a meeting last night at Keller in the interest of the sale of war savings stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Whittington and Miss Jewel Whittington are in Oklahoma City. They will return tomorrow, making the trip overland.

The time for registration of alien enemies closed at 3 o'clock last night. None appeared for registration during the three days' extension.

Mrs. C. R. McLain and son went to Purcell yesterday, where they joined Mr. McLain and will make their home there.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday. The secretary will send out no notices, but asks the members to keep the date in mind.

The Chamber of Commerce has received notice that the car containing 1,000 bushels of Mexican cotton seed has been shipped from Sherman and should be here within the next few days.

Miss Maude Hyden left yesterday afternoon for Kansas City, where she will visit several days with Mrs. A. E. Tabor. En route home she will visit her sister, Mrs. E. T. Spurlock, at Oklahoma City.

D. N. Ferguson, who has been appointed registrar for mechanics and shipbuilders with Carter County Jurisdiction, can be found at 24 1-2 (third floor) West building, South Washington street.

Mrs. John Teer received a message yesterday afternoon stating that Mr. Teer's brother, Thomas Teer, died at noon at his home in Mart, Texas. Mr. Teer left for Mart before the message was received.

Carl Russell, county demonstration agent, has received a list of 400 farmers in the county who have agreed to sell. Mr. Russell states that he will be glad to supply the names to farmers upon application. This seed will cost the purchasers about 50 per cent less than if bought from regular seed houses.

The following additional appointments of sales agents for war savings stamps have been approved: J. H. Smith, 701 Sixth avenue northeast; Henry Baum & Co., J. A. Bodovitz, East Broadway; M. M. Johnson, 285 East Main; V. A. Gravitt, Main and Washington; F. J. Ramsey, all of Ardmore.

O. M. Redfield has filed suit in the district court against John Henry Mason et al. to recover \$300, alleged to be due on a certain promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on part of lot 12, block 319, in Ardmore, claimed to have been given to secure the payment of the said note.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chadwell, 169 South Mill street, entertained at a six o'clock dinner last night. The guests were Miss Maggie Bishop, Private William Bishop and Sergeant Rex Murray. Company E, 11th Regiment U. S. Engineers, Sergeant Murray and Private Bishop are spending a ten-day furlough in Ardmore.

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SULPHUR ATTORNEY SETS UP COMMON LAW MARRIAGE IN WHITE SLAVE CASES

Judge T. N. Robnett of Sulphur, formerly a resident of Ardmore, and United States commissioner here, is in the city today. He has recently returned from Muskogee, where he has been in attendance at federal court. He appeared for the defendant in the case of the United States vs. Alvin W. Broyles of Sulphur, who was indicted for violation of the Mann white slave act, in that he brought Alice Broyles, his former wife from Port Worth, Texas to Marietta, Okla., for immoral purposes. Judge Robnett secured the acquittal of his client, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty. He interposed a plea in defense which was the first of the kind in the practice under the Mann act. He set up a common law marriage between the defendant and the woman he carried from one state to another. Broyles and the woman in the case had been divorced. He claimed that when they went to Marietta he and his former wife agreed to become man and wife again and to live together as such. Judge Ralph E. Campbell, following a decision rendered by the circuit court of appeals in 1902, in a civil case, defining what is a common law marriage, instructed the jury fully as to what constitutes a common law marriage, how it may be consummated and that the intent so to do may be implied or established, and referred to the definition of a common law marriage in a broad sense and told the jury that if they believed that when the defendant brought the woman into the state it was his intention to live with her as his wife, they should find him not guilty.

Judge Robnett raised the same question in another case at the same term of court. In this case the defendant, George Petropoulos, a Greek, had brought a woman from Missouri to Oklahoma and was indicted on a white slavery charge. Judge Robnett showed in this case that the Greek and the woman had been living together as man and wife, registered at hotels as such and held themselves out to the world publicly as man and wife. When these facts were established, Judge Campbell, under a like ruling to that in the Broyles case, instructed a verdict of acquittal.

Judge Robnett was also the attorney for the Rev. H. Capers, indicted for violation of the espionage act, it being claimed that he was guilty of making statements that tended to be an obstruction of the draft. In this case the jury failed to agree, standing ten for acquittal and only two for conviction, and a mistrial was noted. The case will probably be tried at the coming term of United States court at Tulsa. Capers was arrested at Daugherty in Murray County last September.

ARTHUR MIDDLETON IN RECITAL AT CONVENTION HALL TOMORROW NIGHT

Arthur Middleton, the eminent bass-baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who will be heard in concert at Convention Hall tomorrow night, was born at Logan, Iowa, and is an alumnus of Simpson College at Indianola. He began his career as a church singer at fourteen while attending college, and made his first appearance as an oratorio singer at nineteen. So pronounced was Mr. Middleton's success as a singer of oratorio that he was called to the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago as soloist. After a number of years at this church he was retained by the Oak Park Presbyterian Church, the highest paid church position in Chicago, which place he held until he went to New York to join the Metropolitan Opera Company. Mr. Middleton enjoys the distinction of being the only singer ever re-engaged for twelve consecutive performances with the Apollo Club of Chicago. He was soloist on two tours with the New York Symphony Orchestra, Walter Damrosch, conductor; three tours with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Emil Oberholfer, conductor; and appeared with unequalled success as soloist with the Chicago Symphony, the St. Paul Symphony, the Pittsburgh Symphony and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Josef Strinsky, conductor. The popularity of this excellent singer is indicated by the fact that he has appeared over 200 times in the Messiah and 150 times in the Elijah. His concert itineraries have carried him over 100,000 miles, into every state of the Union. Mr. Middleton is purely an American product, having never been abroad, the late Alexander Fleming, master voice builder and coach, being his only teacher. During his first year at the Metropolitan Mr. Middleton appeared thirty-five times, which in itself shows the high regard the authorities of the world's greatest opera house have for this unusual artist.

RED CROSS WORKROOM NOTES.

Mrs. Arthur Strachley, chairman, and Mrs. Arthur Kyle, vice-chairman, in the gauze room yesterday, have reason to congratulate themselves, as well as the workers, for 1,800 4x4 wipes and thirty triangular bandages were made yesterday. They are especially grateful to the sixteen girls of the first division of Miss McPeckers' domestic science class, who worked two hours, making a record of 220 wipes.

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Flyer at Fort Worth Is Killed.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 14.—Aviator Cadet Clifford N. Murray, Royal Flying Corps squadron, of Welshire, England, was killed at Ben Brook field here today when his machine fell.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Middle-aged woman as housekeeper. Call Mrs. Wilson at Westheimer & Daube's. 14-2

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment, modern, close in, 15 Fourth Ave. N. W. Phone 491. 14-1

FOR SALE—Vacant lot in southwest, 65x150. Price \$750! easily worth \$1,000. Look it over and you will buy. See Yates, the Earth Man over Dilworth's Store.

FOR SALE—A 7-room, modern home and three lots northwest, east front; half block of car line; price \$2,750. \$500 cash, balance easy terms. A good home and a good buy. See Yates, the Earth Man. Phone 545.

TAKEN UP—One red sow, weight about 150 pounds; no marks. Owner pays expenses and take her away. 121 B St. N. W. J. B. Mansfield. 14-3

WANTED—Man to work at dairy. Phone 1226. F. E. Watson. 14-3

LOST—Bunch keys on ring with name T. A. Grimsby on tag. Finder return to Ardmoreite.

WANTED—Plain sewing. Phone 1568. 809 East Broadway. Mrs. Suggs. 14-3

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 1563. 14-3

WANTED TO BUY—Home from owner, southwest or northwest. Phone 78. 14-3

STRAYED OR STOLEN from near Milo, one bay mare, 15 1-2 hands, branded L on left jaw; one black horse, 14 1-2 hands, branded circle on left thigh. Reward. Westheimer & Daube, Ardmore. 14-7

MARIETTA NEWS NOTES

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Marietta, Okla., Feb. 14.—L. T. Burton was in Ardmore yesterday on business.

Mrs. J. C. Robinson returned home Tuesday from Mineral Wells, where she has been for the benefit of her health.

W. W. Page was in Ardmore yesterday.

Mrs. George P. Gates, who has been ill, left today for Sulphur, where she will remain for some time.

W. A. Johnston, who lives north of Marietta, left for Cleburne, Texas, yesterday in response to a message announcing the critical illness of a grandchild.

J. W. Forkner of Leon, Okla., has purchased from the Williams Mill Mfg. Co. a No. 2 peanut threshing outfit complete.

Assessor Charles Boyd returned yesterday from the western part of the county, where he has been the past two weeks assessing taxes.

Garland Wilkins left today for San Francisco, Cal., where he has joined the coast artillery. His brother, John, is also in this branch of the service and also is stationed at San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Rural Askew are visiting relatives in Omaha, Neb.

Virgil Vaughan, who has been home on a furlough, returned to Camp Travis last night. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. T. V. Vaughan, who will visit in San Antonio.

John and Arch Wallace, two full-blood Choctaw Indians, who belong to the Indian regiment stationed at Camp Bowie, are visiting relatives northeast of Marietta.

Yesterday the women of the Methodist Church sent, by Rev. I. W. Armstrong, a big box filled with good things to eat to Rev. J. W. Stuart of Ardmore, the presiding elder of the Ardmore district. Rev. Stuart has been ill for some time.

Mrs. A. J. Welsh and daughter, Miss Winnie, motored to Oklahoma City this week.

D. C. Mooring, supervisor of state gardens, and C. W. Callerman, district agent, from Norman, Okla., were in Marietta yesterday and lectured to the pupils of the high school.

Sheriff Frank Smith and Jailer Dave Perry went north on the Greenville road at about 7 o'clock last night and just as they were turning into the Marsden road they saw a cloud of dust coming toward them. They halted the leading car and arrested Dennis Kemp, who was driving a Hudson Super-Six. The other cars, which were a short distance behind, immediately turned around and raced back toward Marsden. Sheriff Smith, leaving his prisoner and car in the custody of Dave Perry, pursued in the fleeing cars. Seeing he could not overtake them, he stopped at a farmhouse, and W. A. Huff, constable at Marsden, was instructed to attempt to head them off, which he did. Sheriff Smith later placed them under arrest. He brought back his prisoners, accompanied by Constable Huff, and lodged them in the county jail. Charley and Ernest Kuy and Dennis Kemp reside at Ardmore. The total contraband was 150 cases of whiskey and 30 sacks of bottled beer, valued at \$15,000 in the wet goods and \$7,000 in the confiscated cars.

Find it in the want ads.

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